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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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M/S AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007 ("Action") for the above-identified patent application, please amend the claims as indicated and consider the remarks below. The sections included in this response are as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on **page 2** of this paper; and

a **Remarks** section begins on **page 7** of this paper.

	Independent Claims	Total Claims
Claims Previously Paid For	3	14
Claims After Amendment	3	14
Excess Claims	0	0